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Lubricants may hinder HIV

nHEALTH: Study says some over-the-counter products may slow the sexually-transmitted disease

By Michelle Lara
Daily Titan Staff Writer

Personal lubricants that are already on the market, have been linked to killing HIV infected white blood cells in semen, recent studies show.

A study published by the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston in July revealed that Astroglide, Silken Secret and Vagisil

lubricants reduced the production of HIV cells in test tube studies.

"There are 10,000 HIV transmissions a day," said Dr. Samuel Baron, professor and chairman of microbiology at the University of Texas Medical Branch and co-author of a new study on personal lubricants and their effects on HIV. "It was clear that other ways of prevention were needed."

Baron's previous studies found

that saliva, due to its low salt content, is a natural defense against the HIV virus, which explained the low rate of HIV transmission by oral sex.

The study showed that cells need salt to reproduce and the lack of salt in saliva causes the HIV – infected white blood cells to swell up and explode.

Researchers then tried to find means of copying the saliva's ability to target the infected HIV cells in semen.

Baron and his researchers found that the spermicide Nonoxynol-9

did the job of killing the HIV cells, but also created a problem.

"We had to find a solution that did not irritate and cause lesions in the vagina and rectum like the Nonoxynol-9 did, which gave the HIV virus a way into the body," Baron said.

They purchased and tested 22 topical over-the-counter lubricants and vaginal moisturizers and combined them with semen and the HIV virus. Baron found that only the three products were effective in



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Lubricants may lack certain disease-friendly components.

Look out for pedestrians



ADAM BYRNES/Daily Titan

By Michelle Lara and Elana Pruitt
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Two female pedestrians were hit as they were walking on the crosswalk on Nutwood Avenue, near the Marriott hotel on Wednesday at 9:49 p.m. Police believe the victims were coming from the hotel and walking towards College Park, when a black, four-door Nissan Altima struck the two women.

"I heard someone scream, then I heard a bang," said Mohammed Wahid, a 22-year-old Cal State

Fullerton student. "People grabbed towels from the Marriott [to help out]. It took the police about six or seven minutes to arrive."

The two women were conscious and talking as they were taken to UCI Hospital, said Fullerton police officer Matt Maloney.

The driver of the car, a 20-year-old male and the passenger, an 18-year-old female, were allowed to leave the scene after victims were taken to the hospital.

No charges were filed because the investigation is ongoing.

Going to law school

nEDUCATION: Many are willing to invest time and money in an attempt to guarantee a financially-stable future

By Marci Stephens
Special to the Titan

As the economy takes a turn for the worse, the chance of getting laid-off has become a reality and undergraduate college students have started worrying if their bachelor's degree will provide them with the stable future they desire. People begin to ponder their options and it seems that many of them find what they think will be the solution to their goals of financial success: law school.

Since June of last year, as the economy continues to slow, the number of people who took the L.S.A.T., the test required before admission to a law school, has increased by 18.6 percent from the previous year, according to the National Law School Admission Council.

The question has to be asked: Why the pull toward law schools? Everyone knows its reputation for grueling hours and that going to a good school is very expensive. Loyola Law School student Amir Asfarzadeh, 23, says that the media and pop culture creates false ideas about what practicing law is really about.

"I think that there are a lot of myths that are fed to individuals by shows like 'Law and Order' and 'The Practice.' These programs show lawyers enjoying a glamorous and financially satisfying life," Asfarzadeh said. "This isn't necessarily so. Yes, you can make a lot of money practicing law, but you have to give up everything and work seven days a week."

This is not to mention the commitment involved in completing law school. This commitment has two angles of cost: financial and time.

Cory Duvall, admissions advisor at Western State University College of Law reports that the costs are high. He said that it is approximately \$15,000 a year for part-time students and \$22,000 a year for full-time students, not including the cost of books which can run between \$500-\$800.

It seems logical that in times of economic slowdown people would hesitate to spend this much money on anything, even if it would give them financial success in the long run. According to Jane Hall, a Cal State Fullerton economics professor, when the economy takes a turn for the worse, this may actually be the most opportune time to enroll in law school.

"The basic reason enrollment in law schools increases when the

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Biochemical scare affects agricultural industry

nPRECAUTION: Crop dusting planes were briefly grounded to ascertain national security

By Cynthia Pangestu
Daily Titan Staff Writer

After a possible threat to security, crop dusters are flying again, but this does not mean that worries are over.

Since law enforcement officials have discovered an interest in crop dusters by Mohammed Atta, a Sept. 11 hijacker, the fear of biochemical attacks has heightened. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and FBI officials have been concerned about crop dusters posing as a threat to national security.

Jerry Snyder, the public affairs officer for the FAA in the West Pacific Region, said, "Decisions are based on security reasons."

There has been much talk and precautions of biological, chemical, or germ warfare.

"Biological weapons using viruses and bacteria that are lethal, if they got into the food supply, might survive," said Maria Linder, Cal State Fullerton profes-

sor of biochemistry.

"Most of the chemical warfare are gas that can kill instantly. When they get diluted they can't kill anymore. When they get diluted with air, they dissipate fast. On the other hand, a lot of chemicals, including the ones they spray on their crops are cancer-causing in the long term," Linder said.

The most talked about disease has been anthrax, which is infectious, and when inhaled, causes respiratory failure and death within a week. Other symptoms vary. Another is smallpox, which is a virus near extinction, but still thrives in a collection of vials in the United States and Russia.

"Smallpox has about a 30 percent mortality rate. Anthrax has 100 percent," Judith Kandel, CSUF professor of biology, said.

The most preventive approach that the nation can now take is preparation and health planning.

On the other hand, the agriculture

industries worry about their production and revenues. Not only does agriculture provide national security, but economic as well. The 3,500 crop dusters were grounded nationwide for several days, but had very little effect on the crops.

California rakes in \$29-billion-a-year for the state's agricultural production. Among other worries of these delays are weeds, pests, and potential diseases. California crops that are at the highest state of risk are corn, celery, cotton and avocados.

Steve Lyle, the director of public affairs for the Department of Food and Agriculture said, "There was immediate risk to winter vegetation growing in Imperial County and cotton in the Central Valley. Both groups face the problem with crop dusters being grounded."

Damages to crops and decrease in production will result in the rise of prices.

Bob Canisso, owner of Canisso Farms in Livingston, Calif. and part-time crop duster, oversees 65 acres of sweet potatoes and almonds. Luckily, the grounding of crop dusters had no effect on his crops because he only uses the method



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Planes flying again after 3,500 were ordered to stay put.

during unusual circumstances, such as worm infestation. Still, his fellow farmers could have been at risk.

"We can't ground all the crop dusters. We can start to use more ground rigs that can cover large areas, but cotton and tomatoes have to use [crop dusters]," Canisso said. "It can devastate a lot of farms. There could be a lot of infestation and fungus and they can't control it. Ground rigs will not be able to stop it fast enough."

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A GUIDE TO WHAT'S HAPPENING

BRIEFS

Cal State Fullerton volunteers of the year recognized

Local residents who gave time and expertise to benefit Cal State Fullerton are recipients of the university's 2001 "Volunteer of the Year" award.

The honorees were saluted at this year's Concert Under the Stars. The Sept. 14 event also held a candlelight vigil to honor the victims of the terrorist attacks earlier this month.

The awards are presented annually and are sponsored by the president's office and the Coordinating Council of Support Groups, an organization representing the university's affiliates.

Honorees receive an acrylic star plaque from President Milton Gordon, as well as commendations from alumna Jan Flory, a member of the Fullerton City Council, and Cynthia Coad, chair of the Orange County Board of Supervisors.

The honorees are Fullerton residents, Joyce Leong of the Art Alliance, Raymond Loe of Music Associates and Suzanne Serbin of the Patrons of the Pollak Library; Placentia resident Charles A.

Frazee of the Emeriti; Mission Viejo resident Janet Bagwell of the Reading Educators Guild; Orange resident Anne Pearson of Continuing Learning Experience; Yorba Linda resident Jan Youngquist of the Friends of Fullerton Arboretum; Beverly Hills resident Lori Segal of the President's Associates; and San Dimas resident Mike Dressendorfer of the CSUF Alumni Association.

In addition, Lee Begovich, Fullerton resident and President of the Coordinating Council of Support Groups, received special recognition for her decade of ser-

vice as the CCSG leader.

Brea Downtown host job fair

The North Orange County Business Service Center is presenting the "North Orange County Job Fair" Wednesday, Oct. 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The fair is free to job seekers and is open to the public.

The four-hour event is an opportunity for job seekers to find employment in a variety of fields. More than 90 regional employers are represented, from entrepreneurial start-ups to mid-size enterprises and Fortune 500 companies.

The fair is in collaboration with the Career Planning and Placement Center, the Brea Chamber of Commerce, Orange County One-Stop North, the Orange County Business Service Center and the Brea/La Habra chapter of Soroptimist International with the goal of promoting economic development in the region.

Brea Downtown Birch Street will be closed to automobile traffic during the fair.

During the fair, the Career Planning and Placement Center personnel will offer training seminars in job hunting such as, writing a resume and success on the job.

All seminars occur in the Job Fair reception booth on Birch Street and are free to the public.

For more information on the event, call (714) 674-0801.

Reggae band performs at the Fullerton Market

The Reggae band "Upstream" will perform at the weekly outdoor Fullerton Market, Thursday, Oct. 11.

The market is open from 4 to 8:30 p.m. on Wilshire Boulevard. Upstream performs from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Parking is free for the Fullerton Market, and may be found in any of the downtown lots.

For more information about the Fullerton Market, call (714) 738-

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Community

The Fullerton Firefighter's Association will hold its 2nd "Fill the Boot" campaign on Sept. 29. From 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Fullerton Costco parking lot will house firefighters raising money for families of New York City Firefighters killed in Sept. 11 attacks.

Their first fundraiser produced approximately \$29,000, with a \$20,000 donation from Grace Ministries of Fullerton.

Marking its 40th year of service in Fullerton, The Friends of The Fullerton Public Library are presenting a giant used book sale.

The event will be held from Oct. 5 through 7 at the main library. A range of books for all ages will be on sale. Books will be half price on Sunday. For more information, call (714) 738-6326.

"Sleuth" is a comedy/ thriller that will be performed Oct. 5 through Oct. 21 at Brea's Curtis Theatre.

Tickets are \$17 for adults, and discount rates are available for groups of 15 or more. For more information, call (714) 990-7722.

Orange County Walk to Cure Diabetes will be held on Sunday, Sept. 30 at Craig Regional Park in Fullerton and UC Irvine's Aldrich Park. Juvenile

Diabetes Research Foundation International is sponsoring the ninth annual Walk to Cure Diabetes. For more information, visit www.jdrf.org or call (949) 553-0363.

Knott's "29th annual Scary Farm" will start Oct. 4 and run through Nov. 3. This year, the event includes a new show called "Ed Alonzo's Magic and Mayhem" and 1,000 monsters will be wandering through the park scaring bystanders. The Crypt Keeper from "Tales From the Crypt" is also coming to town to star in "The Hanging." No children under 13 will be admitted. For more information, call (714) 220-5200.

Disneyland's "Nightmare Before Christmas Enchanted Evening" is scheduled for Oct. 3 at the Disneyland Resort. The event is to celebrate the "Haunted Mansion Holiday" and will start at 6:30 p.m. at the Fantasyland Theatre. The Sneak Preview event, which is \$85 per person or \$65 for Premium Annual Passport holders, will feature a panel discussion with the creators of a "Nightmare Before Christmas" and a preview of "Haunted Mansion Holiday." The other way to attend this event is through the Spooktacular Offer where tickets are \$200 and limited to 200 people. Tickets are already on sale. For more information call (866)

247-1203.

Campus

A "Vocal Scholarship Benefit" will be held on Saturday, Oct. 13 at 8p.m.

The event will take place at the Recital Hall at Cal State Fullerton, and tickets can be purchased in advance for \$13. The benefit will be held with Andrew Parks and Mark Salters. For more information, visit www.arts.fullerton.edu/events.

"Parallel Lives," a play based on "The Kathy and Mo Show," will be playing at the Grand Central Art Center Oct. 4 through 14.

The play is presented by Cal State Fullerton's Department of Theatre and Dance, and is about the struggle through life. For more information, call (714) 278-5530.

"Proverbial Pottery," a show of ceramic works that focus on interpretations of metaphors and axioms, will be held from Oct. 6 through Oct. 11 in the Exit Gallery in Visual Arts Department. Times vary, and the show is free, but the pottery pieces are available for purchase.

New York-born poet Judy Kronenfeld will be reading her poetry on Wednesday, Oct. 3 at 4 p.m. in the Women's Center. Kronenfeld's poems have been

published in journals such as "Poetry International," "The Manhattan Poetry Review" and "The Wilshire Review." The Women's Studies Program and the Department of English and Literature are sponsoring the reading.

For more information, call (714) 278-3742.

"Late Nite Catechism," a comedy that looks at old-fashioned religious education, will be held Saturday, Sept. 29 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$22.50 and \$27.50. Students can save \$2 with the advance sale TITAN discount. For more information, visit www.arts.fullerton.edu.

A lecture series focusing on the conflict between the Israeli and Palestinian Arabs will be held on alternate Thursdays Sept. 20 through Dec. 6. It will be held in the Mackey Auditorium in the Ruby Gerontology Center and is free to the public. For more information, call (714) 278-2414.

In an exhibit called "Deeper Skin," Naida Oslone displays recent photographs using different parts of the body and make-up or prosthetics to combine the technological and biological.

The exhibit is located in the Grand Central Art Center Project Room in Santa Ana and runs Tuesday through Sunday until Oct. 28. For more information, call (714) 567-7233.

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The Daily Titan staff would like to offer its condolences to the friends and families of the victims of the recent terrorist attacks in New York and Washington D.C.

In this time of confusion, anger and heartache, the staff reaffirms its commitment to fair and sensitive coverage. Our Opinion page is always open for your thoughts.

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Company talks to biology stu-

nEMPLOYMENT:
Beckman Coulter’s representative speaks of technology, science in the new millennium

By Michael Matter
Daily Titan Staff Writer

The Minority Access to Research Careers (MARC) Program, together with the Cal State Fullerton Career Planning and Placement Center, co-sponsored a seminar in the Department of Biological Sciences Wednesday.

Dr. Jim Osborne, a biochemist for Beckman Coulter in Fullerton, spoke at “Biotech/Pharmaceutical Careers in the 21st Century.”

The seminar was part of a Biology Seminar Series (Biology 480/580) taught by Professor Douglas Eernisse. Also attending was Professor Robert Koch, who directs the MARC Program.

“We usually sponsor three seminars each semester. We had MARC scholars, Natural Science and Mathematics (NSA) scholars and Beckman scholars attending today, as well as class members.

The rest of the audience was mostly biology majors interested in a possible career with Beckman Coulter,” Koch said.

Gloria Sims works at the Career Planning and Placement center, spe-

cializing in science, engineering and technology careers.

“We try to collaborate on an ongoing basis with our faculty. We do employer outreach and this seminar is the outcome of that program,” Sims said.

Sims contacted Beckman Coulter on behalf of the university. Her department also collaborates with the office of Student Affairs.

Rochelle Woods, assistant dean of Student Affairs at CSUF, attended because she works as a liaison between Student Affairs, Career Planning and faculty in the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics.

Osborne has been at Beckman Coulter since 1985. He has a Ph.D. in biochemistry. When he started with the company it was called Beckman Instruments, Inc.

Beckman Instruments decided that in order to remain profitable, they would have to expand their market share by purchasing a larger company.

Beckman purchased the Coulter Corporation in 1997 for \$1.4 billion.

“We estimate the total available mar-

ket for our products at \$28 billion annually. This is the market that we play in. We are the only company worldwide that serves the entire biomedical testing continuum...distributed testing, discovery testing, central testing and clinical trial testing. We do so much testing that it scares me,” Osborne said.

O s b o r n e knows that research and development costs money. B e c k m a n Coulter spends eight to10 percent of their annual sales on funding research.

“I try to take the risk out of new technology. I try to bring more technology into the company without spending more money inside the company.

This means spending money at the university level and at small start-up companies,” he said.

Osborne does not have time to waste. When he invests his companies’ research money, he insists on fast results.

“...We want them to give us their show-stopper first, not last...”

—Jim Osborne, Biochemist

Students, faculty star in production

nTHEATER: Steve Martin’s play shows what happens when Einstein and Picasso meet

By Angie Aldape
Daily Titan Staff Writer

The Department of Theatre and Dance will be hosting Steve Martin’s provocative comedy “Picasso at the Lapin Agile.”

This is a thoughtful play about a fantasy meeting between Albert Einstein and Pablo Picasso at a Paris tavern in 1904.

Both Einstein and Picasso challenge each other in a battle of wits that include painting, lust, the future of the world and the respect of the lovely young Sargot.

“Picasso at the Lapin Agile,” directed by Joseph Arnold is said to replace “Machinal” as the opening production of the season in the Theatre and Dance Department

Steve Martin is winner of the Outer Critics’ Circle Awards for Best Play and Best Writer.

The opening night is set to premiere Friday Sept. 28 and will run until Oct. 14 at the Cal State Fullerton’s Arena Theatre.

The show begins promptly at 8 p.m.

The “Picasso at the Lapine Agile’s” cast list includes graduate students Rob Hahn as Gaston, Hattie Davis as Schmendiman, and professors Josh Odor as Freddy, Logan Sledge as Einstein and Sarah Petty as Sargot.

Staring in the lead role as Picasso is an undergraduate student Omid Abtahi, an upcoming star at CSUF.

The design team includes Heidi Ballard as the scenic designer, Megan Foster as the costume designer, Nathan Jones as the lighting designer, Jennifer Rose as the make-up designer and Patrick Johnson as the sound designer.

Tickets are available at the Performing Arts Center box office.

Tickets are \$9 and \$7 in advance with Titan Discount, for seniors or for students with a CSUF ID.

Or call the Box Office directly to reserve complementary tickets at (714) 278-3613.

Office hours are 11 a.m. to 4p.m., Monday through Friday and one hour prior to the perfor-

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stopping the production of HIV infected white blood cells while also preventing any tissue irritations.

Two out of the six ingredients in the lubricants are active compounds that kill the infected cells and will be identified in future studies.

“These compounds are cheap, effective and widely available,” Baron said. “They are found in cosmetics and hand lotions.”

Biofilm, the makers of Astroglide and Silken Secret, began working with Dr. Baron and his researchers shortly after he presented the company the results of his study.

“We are now financing further

research and will continue to do so until they prove the research and we can clear the use with the FDA,” said Lisa O’Carroll, Vice President of sales and marketing for Biofilm.

Vagisil stated that their product should only be used in accordance with the labeling instructions and do not recommend it for any other use.

Despite the number of HIV carriers, which now stands at 34 million, most still do not practice safe sex. Baron said only one out of three sexually active people use condoms.

Contraceptions are sold on campus at the Cal State Fullerton Health Center. Although personal lubricants are not yet available at the center, condoms are sold five for 50 cents.

“The study sounds promising,” said Laura Chandler, director of health education at CSUF. Field tests on humans will begin soon and pending the results of the study lubricants might be something the university will offer in the future, Chandler said.

In the meantime, Baron said it would be foolish to think that lubricants alone could completely protect someone from contracting the HIV virus.

“These[lubricants]are not a fool-proof way to protect yourself from HIV,” Baron said. “I want to stress that condoms are still the best form of protection.”

Yet with the combined use of lubricants and condoms, Baron said it might be possible to put a dent in the number of HIV transmis-

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economy is weak is that the cost of going to school is lower,” Hall said.

“Going to school has two basic costs – the out-of-pocket expense and the cost of time with attending class and studying. The cost of time is lower when the economic opportunities are reduced.”

Lee Cockerill, CSUF economics professor, has a slightly different take on the reasoning behind the decision to enroll in law school. He says that people feel they need some kind of training to fall back on in times of economic strain.

“When the economy takes a downturn and employers lay off workers,

these employees look to be retrained so as to be able to find new work when the economy goes back up,” Cockerill said. “This relationship seems to hold for higher education in general.”

Whatever the reason may be for the increase in enrollment at law school during tenuous economic times such as now, Asfarzadeh says that the decision to go to law school cannot be made entirely on the desire to ensure a financially stable future. He says he has to study at least five hours a day in addition to the four hours already spent in class, and all this work doesn’t guarantee riches.

“You get a wake-up call when you start school,” Asfarzadeh said. “All people see on TV are the Johnnie Cochrans who are making ridiculous amounts of money and that isn’t so.



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Boot money sent to trenches

nCHARITY: Firefighters encouraged community make donations that will help Sept. 11 victims

By Tiffany Powell
Daily Titan Staff Writer

These boots were made for filling and that’s just what they did. The Fullerton Firefighters Association promoted support and aid for the families of New York Firefighters killed in the Sept. 11 tragedy. Outside the Costco in Fullerton and Home Depot on the East side of town, tables were set up with empty fireman boots Wednesday Sept. 26. People were encouraged to stop by and fill the boots with any possible donations. All donations will go to the relief of New York firefighters’ families. The fundraiser was such a success that the Association will return to Costco Saturday Sept. 29 in hopes to fill the boots again. A 50 by 30-foot American flag will be hung from a 100-foot ladder during the fundraiser.

“They raised over \$ 9,000 dollars between the two locations in five hours. Grace Ministries of Fullerton also gave a donation of \$ 20,000. The fundraiser was unbelievably successful,” said Sylvia Palmer Mudrick, Public Information Coordinator of Fullerton. “Fill the Boots” and the making of red, white and blue ribbons are the two fundraisers that the Fullerton firefighters initiated. “DD Iovine, wife of Paramedic Fire Engineer, Pat Iovine was first to start the production of the ribbons,” Mudrick said. She started making them and selling them to her family and friends to raise money for the families who have lost firefighters. Since then, people of all ages, sex and race have contributed. “Although the donation is only

\$3 per ribbon, most people have put in at least \$5 to support the cause,” Mudrick said. The Association was next to attribute and it was not long after that the press release reached the hands of the public. The ribbons are now available to all who wish to contribute. They have raised several thousand dollars from the ribbons alone. “People will take one ribbon and in return leave twenty dollars,” said Stephanie Teisl of Training and Operations of Fullerton Fire Department. Other fire departments are working with Fullerton to raise money for the foundation. “Down at the Edison field fundraiser, I saw a child walk up to the truck and place his life savings of \$200 into the boot,” said Gary Dominguez Division Chief/Operations of

Fullerton Fire Department. Other Children have been contributing money to those in need as well. “A few of them have brought their entire piggy banks to be donated. The support from the community has been greater than anticipated,” said Dominguez. Even young children are aware of the effects the attack has had on the country. “Surrounding businesses such as In-and-Out and Costco have supported these fundraiser events held over the past few weeks,” said Dominguez. Although the Fire Department anticipates a second wave of fundraising in the near future, they are currently looking for ways to aid the victims and their families.



Boots were filled to the top with donation money.

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Knowledge could eliminate racial prejudic-

nCAMPUS: The Muslim Student Association hopes to educate the community on the peaceful ways of the Islamic religion

By Adriana Escobedo
Daily Titan Staff Writer

Islam isn’t just a religion for Muslims it is a way of life. The Muslim Student Association at Cal State Fullerton think it is important for people to understand its religion. Muslims are against the terrorist attacks that took place Sept. 11. Many students at Cal State Fullerton feel it’s important that Americans understand Muslims and their religion. “The world has always demonized Islam, America is so ignorant and racist. People are so uneducated about Islam,” said Donia Gitafour, a member of the Muslim Student Association. The Muslim Student Association

at Cal State Fullerton is an independent organization started by students in 1989. The club consists of 50 students and is opened to all ethnicities and religions. Arabs only make up 18 percent of the Muslim population, 30 percent of Muslims live in Indian subcontinent and 33 percent of Muslims are south-central Asian. You don’t have to be a Muslim or believe in Islam to attend and participate in the meetings. “Learning about Islam isn’t just for Muslims it’s for everyone, everyone needs to know what our faith is about, then people will know who the people are and will be able to distinguish us from terrorist,” said Marizia Farooqui, a member of MSA. The Muslim Student Association’s

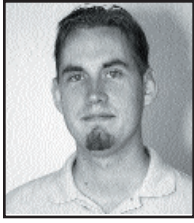
main goal is educating its members and non-members about Islam. Islam is a religion and a Muslim is a follower of the religion. “Our goal is teach Islam, the real Islam, not what TV is teaching people,” said Muhammad Khakoo, pres. of MSA. MSA provides many activities for its members such as: guest speakers, prayer sessions, support groups, a place where Muslims can feel they belong, and every year they host a Islamic awareness week for students on campus and the community. MSA also reaches out to its community by fundraiser for the needy, and by participating in blood drives. There are three major guidelines Muslims live by: The Koran, The Five Pillars of Islam, and the teachings of

the prophets. The Koran is a text of the exact words revealed by God through the Angel Gabriel to the Prophet Muhammad. The Koran is the prime resource of every Muslims faith and practice. The Five Pillars is a framework of a Muslims life. The first pillar is faith, which says there is no god worthy of worship except God and his messenger Muhammad. The second pillar is prayer; this is a direct link between the worshiper and God. Prayers are performed five times a day. The third pillar is charity, Muslims give two and a half percent of their annual savings, this is a form of self-purification.

The forth pillar is fasting, which is a way for self-purification and growth in ones spiritual life. A fasting Muslim gains sympathy with those who go hungry everyday. The fifth pillar: The Pilgrimage, Muslims go to Makkah to pray and unite with other Muslims. The fifth pillar is the Pilgrimage, the annual pilgrimage to Makkah is a place where Muslims from all over the world join together and pray. Some people on campus are hopeful that Americans will try and understand the difference between a religion and a race. “It’s important that people understood and are aware because Muslim and Islam is grossly mis-understood. Our religion is peaceful, we don’t believe in violence,” said Murtadha Khakoo, professor of the Department

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Attention drivers, be sure to watch out for pedestrians on the freeways



by Jeff
Benson
Staff Writer

Blazing down the 22 Freeway with the July sun scorching down my back, I drove like most would when the guy in front of you is driving 80. I had the car on cruise and the windows rolled down.

Suddenly, the Sentra I'd been trailing came to a screeching halt. As the rest of the freeway motorists continued to push the limits of safety, I shifted my weight onto my right foot and relied on my brakes with my life. Like those brief moments that seem to last forever—the ones where your life is supposed to “flash before your eyes,” all I could think about was my high school driver's education teacher. He was reciting his “golden rule” over and over in my head. “Keep a three second following distance.”

Somebody behind me apparently had not heard that rule. I heard the heart-stopping thud of metal on metal reverberating off my dashboard as the two cars behind me began to smoke. My chest was pounding, my eyes blank as I tried to figure out what had just occurred. “That should've been me,” I was thinking. Had I been six inches closer to that Nissan, it would've been.

I flipped on the right-turn signal and glanced routinely over my shoulder. Nobody there. I pounded the gas as I returned my gaze to the road ahead and immediately

punched the brakes so fast that my gum nearly flew out of my mouth. Standing—yes, **STANDING** only a few feet ahead of my steaming radiator was the reason for the backup.

Like a twig breaking stream

water, the tall man stood breaching the third of six lanes. He was smiling, worry-free, and made no hesitation toward either side. And he looked like he was drunk enough to do something stupid like this. He

wasn't crossing the freeway, he was basking in it.

A few weeks later, I was sickened to see that the same thing happened to me. In the middle of the night, I nearly struck someone in the fast

lane of an unlit stretch of the 60 Freeway. It was hard to say if this person was a man or a woman, but it was definitely human. This figure shortened my dusty headlight beams for a split second and van-

ished, stage right. I wouldn't doubt if he or she did a diving somersault to get out of my way.

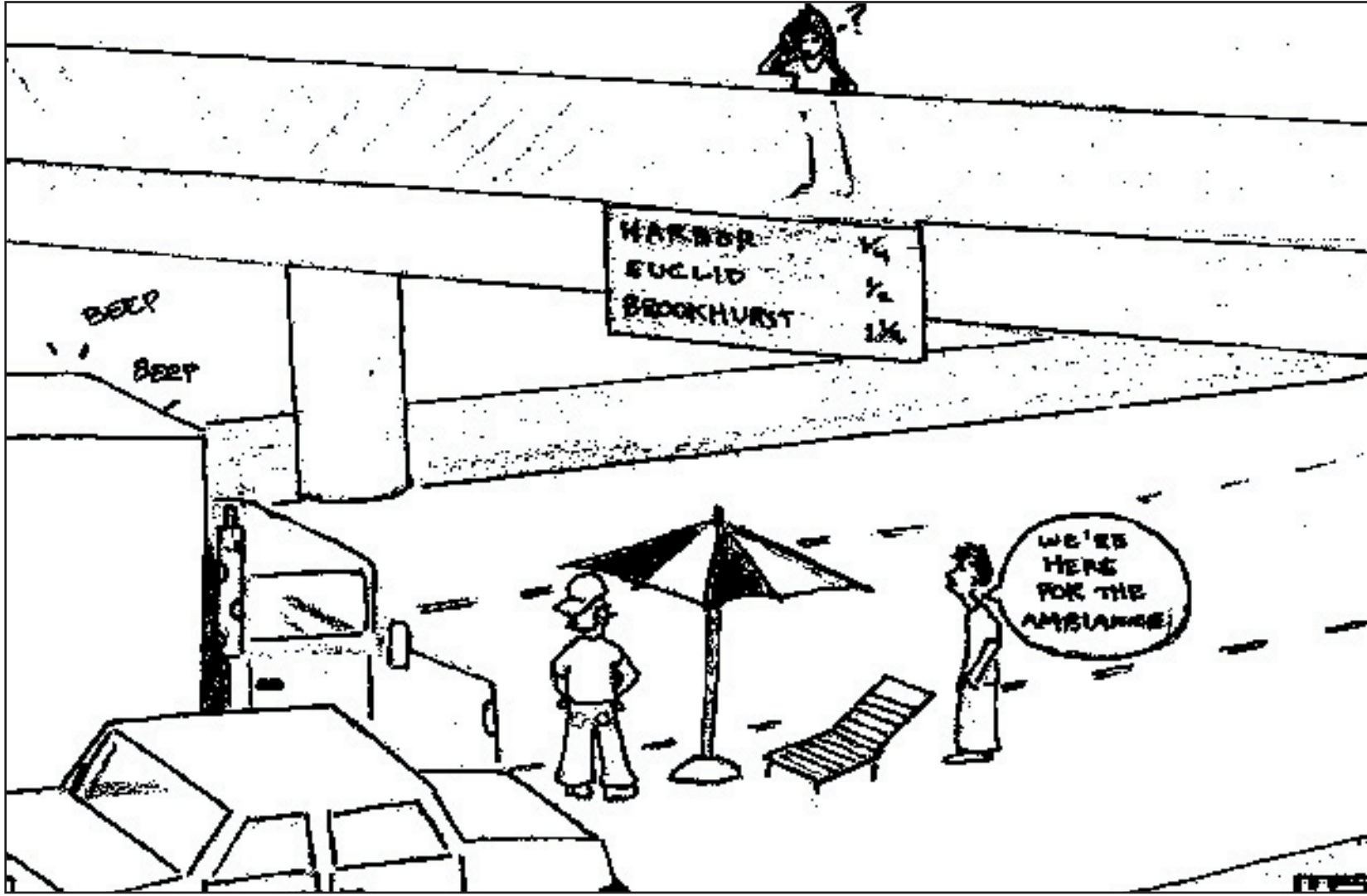
What is this newfound infatuation with crossing freeways on foot? Is this becoming Gen-Y America's newest pastime, supplanting more controllable thrills like bungee jumping and road rage?

I'd be more understanding if I noticed someone who crosses a freeway when there is obviously no one coming. Both of my instances resulted in near misses. If I had been eating or talking on a cell phone, I probably would have hit someone. Half a second more and I'd be sitting in my prison cell right now, wondering just why I was in there and why this state has such a screwed up justice system.

Drivers are not accustomed to looking for human obstacles on the freeway. Sadly, I've always known that if you cannot swerve to avoid a stray animal because it might cause an accident, you hit it and move on. Yeah, I'd feel incredibly guilty about it for weeks, but nothing is more important than protecting yourself and the people around you.

When I drive on the freeway, I expect to drive uninhibited. Sure, Southern California has its share of traffic jams, but slowing traffic can be seen in advance as a sea of red lights. A man standing in my lane is difficult to see and a huge obstacle.

What is so crucially important that it requires stepping into 12 subsequent lanes of high-speed traffic? Cars are big and fast. Cars are made of metal. Cars can kill you. It doesn't take a genius to realize that. So those with this bipedal disorder



BY MATTHEW SEDLAR

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Letter to the Commander-in-Chief: Why do Arab nations seem to hate Americans so much, Mr.

Dear President Bush:

The United States is in great pain. The United States is angry and wants revenge, and both feelings are more than justified. But Mr. President, the United States also deserves the whole story. We are behind you; we are behind our surviving compatriots in New York, Pennsylvania, and Washington. We are behind our brave soldiers in the military and our tireless public servants in Washington and our local governments. But Mr. President, are you telling us the whole story?

In reference to why Osama bin Laden hates the United States, you told the nation the following on September 20, 2001:

“Americans are asking: Why do they hate us? They hate what we see right here in this chamber, a democratically-elected government. Their leaders are self-appointed. They hate our freedoms, our freedom of religion, our freedom of speech, our freedom to vote and assemble and disagree with each other.

They want to overthrow existing governments in many Muslim countries, such as Egypt, Saudi Arabia, and Jordan. They want to drive Israel out of the Middle East. They want to drive Christians and Jews out of vast regions of Asia and Africa.

These terrorists kill not merely to end lives, but to disrupt and end a way of life. With every atrocity, they hope that America grows fearful, retreating from the world and forsaking our friends. They stand against us, because we stand in their way.”

But President Bush, I'm missing something; I still don't understand why they so passionately hate us?

Forgive me, but I need more specifics. You talk about a hatred of our way of life, you talk about their desire to rule the Middle East and you talk

about their desire to drive Christians and Jews out of Asia and Africa. But is that all of it? Something seems to be missing here.

Why are you not speaking of our presence in the Middle East from as far back as the 1970's (if not beyond). Why are you not speaking of our use of their land during the Cold War? Why are you not speaking of our embargos that allegedly starved many of their people? Why are you not speaking of our alleged bombings that killed their people? And why Mr. President, why are you not speaking of the oil artery that runs through that part of the globe?

These questions haunt me, especially since you have requested our unending support, to the point of sending in ground troops. Tell me Mr. President—the truth, is this in anyway connected to oil? Did our friends and loved ones die in New York and Washington, in part, for oil? Do we continue to fuel the crisis in the Middle East because of our desire for oil? Tell me Mr. President, the truth. You were honest with us about potentially sending our young men and women on foot into Afghanistan to a potential death, but are you being completely honest with us about why?

Tell me this Mr. President. If we pulled out of the Middle East back in the 1970's, if we traded in our SUV's for four cylinders, if at night we turned out the decorative lights in our gardens and kept our thermostats at 68 in the winter, could the events of Sept. 11 possibly be avoided?

Then I sensed something not quite right eating at my gut, that there was something more to this, I began a search for the possible answer. A possible partial answer to this question was found in (an obviously biased) 1997 CNN interview with Osama Bin Laden. Following is just part of his interview:

Bin Laden said, “We declared jihad against the US government, because the US government is unjust, criminal and tyrannical. It has committed acts that are extremely unjust, hideous and criminal whether directly or through its support of the Israeli occupation of the Prophet's Night Travel Land (Palestine). And we believe the US is directly responsible for those who were killed in Palestine, Lebanon and Iraq. The mention of the US reminds us before everything else of those innocent children who were dismembered, their heads and arms cut off in the recent explosion that took place in Qana (in Lebanon). This US government abandoned even humanitarian feelings by these hideous crimes. It transgressed all bounds and behaved in a way not witnessed before by any power or any imperialist power in the world. They should have been considerate that the qibla (Mecca) of the Muslims upheaves the emotion of the entire Muslim World. Due to its subordination to the Jews the arrogance and haughtiness of the US regime has reached, to the extent that they occupied the qibla of the Muslims (Arabia) who are more than a billion in the world today. A reaction might take place as a result of US government's hitting Muslim civilians and executing more than 600,000 Muslim children in Iraq by preventing food and medicine from reaching them. So, the US is responsible for any reaction, because it extended its war against troops to civilians. This is what we say. As for what you asked regarding the American people, they are not exonerated from responsibility, because they chose this government and voted for it despite their knowledge of its crimes in Palestine, Lebanon, Iraq and in other places and its support of its agent regimes who filled our prisons with our best children and scholars. We ask that may God release them.”

Mr. President, when I was a teenager I heard a valuable quote from a woman going through a divorce. She said there are always three sides to every story: his, hers, and the truth. Are we getting the truth here Mr. President? Are we?

In closing Mr. President, I have one more request; if this chaos, this terror, these horrors, are in anyway fueled by religious fanaticisms, would you please, please, please, refrain from fueling the fire with quotes such as these:

“The course of this conflict is not known, yet its outcome is certain. Freedom and fear, justice and cruelty, have always been at war, and we know that God is not neutral between them.”

Are you insinuating that “God” is on our side? Can't we just leave him (or her) out of it? It seems that on every history page I turn, God's name keeps turning up in connection with death and destruction. Everyone is entitled to his or her beliefs, but for crying out loud people are getting killed over it, can't we use a substitute? How about love, or people? Would either of those terms do? If so many people, for so many years, have died because of this term, isn't it time to try something different?

We are a strong people; we are a loving people. As you say, together we can do anything; we don't have to keep bringing up the God thing do we? We can each worship as we choose, but do we have to keep equating it with national policy? Osama is doing it, but do we have to?

We have proven that we are willing to do what is ever necessary to prevent any more death and destruction, but we deserve the whole truth... don't we?

Sincerely,
Joseph Morrow
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Hollywood's favorite pastime is blowing up buildings.

But because of Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, Hollywood decided to hold back on the explosions.

This was a good move by the movie industry.

Hollywood executives have revised scripts, shelved, or postponed some of their completed and upcoming projects. Movies like “Big Trouble” starring Tim Allen was set to be released on Sept. 21. Instead, it was postponed until next year because an element of the story dealt with smuggling a nuclear device past airport security.

Another movie, “Collateral Damage” with Arnold Schwarzenegger was going to be released Oct. 5. However, the release of the movie was canceled because of its terrorist theme. Even advertisements and movie previews for these movies were quickly pulled out of the public eye. The holds, cancellations, and revisions will definitely affect the entertainment industry. After all, disaster films are the most popular in Hollywood. However, setting limits is definitely the smarter choice.

Imagine if these movies were released on the weekend of the terrorist attacks. The whole nation was already upset, saddened and distraught. These movies might have angered even more people or fueled the fire of those who were already affected.

To show these movies during a time like this would make Hollywood look apathetic to the situation and more concerned with their profits. It would seem as if they were glorifying terrorism and tragedy and ignorant to actual national disaster.

If these new movies were released at their designated times, they would take the risk of not fulfilling their maximum potential, plus receive

negative feedback from the already distressed public.

People still did go to the movie theatres that weekend. Many wanted to get away from sad news, which constantly played day and night. I did remember seeing a preview of “Collateral Damage,” which looked like a great movie, and I was really anxious for it to come out.

But if the movie was released so close to the terrorist attacks, I probably would not go just for the fact that it is too relevant to the real thing. I would not want to support a terrorist-based movie at a time like this.

“Big Trouble” would probably have been a bundle of laughs. Still, because of the issue of airport security and nuclear concerns, the movie was postponed.

I do respect these Hollywood executives for not being all about money after all. They are concerned of other things aside from their own prosperity. If these movies are as good as they seem, then they have not lost too much by postponing them.

They will not see profit returns on these movies as soon as they thought, but they have definitely saved themselves from future commotion with disturbed audiences.

Many people agreed that the two planes that crashed into the World Trade Center towers seemed like something out of a movie – very surreal.

Movies can create images and special effects that many cannot even imagine. Isn't it a scary thought that Hollywood could actually be giving terrorists ideas? Of course they aren't doing that on purpose, but it could broaden ideas for those evil minds trying to devise and arrange such attacks. I think watching a movie based on a terrorist theme would make me worry even more about the possibilities.

The real question is: Will the Hollywood that returns after the terrorist news dies down be the same as it was before?

Or will restrictions be placed on what the industry can blow up and show?

Bonds gets no love from Dodger

n**BASEBALL:** Crowd and players support Green’s decision to take day off but aren’t impressed by Barry

By Jeff Benson
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The peanut vendor working the loge level paused to grab three one-dollar bills and launched his ware towards a paying customer. Not even close. The bag of peanuts missed its intended target by five seats and deflected off an unassuming woman’s head into the row behind her.

There was no mistaking it: he was having an off day; the kind of day a peanut vendor is likely to have after 80 home games.

The kind of day where the 49,320 at Dodger Stadium watched the Blue Crew lose its final home game of the season, 6-4, to the San Francisco Giants and fall four-and-a-half games out of first place.

The parking situation was horrific, the pretzels stale, the Dodger fans disappointed with the team’s fading play-off hopes and the scattered Giant fans unimpressed with Barry Bonds’ lack of home run production for the second straight game.

In a game chalk full of subplots, the biggest story of the day had more to do with who was not playing rather than the earring-toting, home run hitting “media darling” who was playing.

Dodger outfielder Shawn Green, the active major league leader in consecu-

tive games played, did not show up to work because he was observing the Jewish High Holiday Yom Kippur. Green, one of 13 Jews in the majors, had given the team two months notice prior to the holiday, which traditionally begins September 26 at sundown. This was the first time Green had taken off Yom Kippur in his ten-year career, since none of the games he’d ever played on that date occurred at night until this season.

“To me, I wasn’t really trying to make any splash with this announcement or do anything like that,” Green said in a written essay before the game. “I made a decision on what I felt was the right thing to do and that’s it. It’s a great thing that a couple other players are now considering not playing. It brings to light certain issues that get discussed around baseball and other areas about religion and I think that’s a good thing.”

Dodgers catcher Paul Lo Duca echoed the team’s sentiment surrounding Green’s absence.

“Everyone in the clubhouse is 100 percent behind him,” Lo Duca said. “One game is not going to make much of a difference, and I respect his decision not to play.”

The Dodger/Giant rivalry intensified as Bonds was hit with “Barry sucks” chants and other various Barry-related expletives at regular intervals throughout the game. The barrage continued during the seventh inning, when Bonds was nearly hit with a baseball thrown by a fan from the left field pavilion seats. Standing near the visitor’s dug-out, he almost got hit with a soda hurled in his direction.

It didn’t matter if Bonds was involved in the play when the crowd took the opportunity to jeer him.

Green’s replacement in right field, Marquis Grissom, went 0-4 with a strikeout. “Barry sucks.”

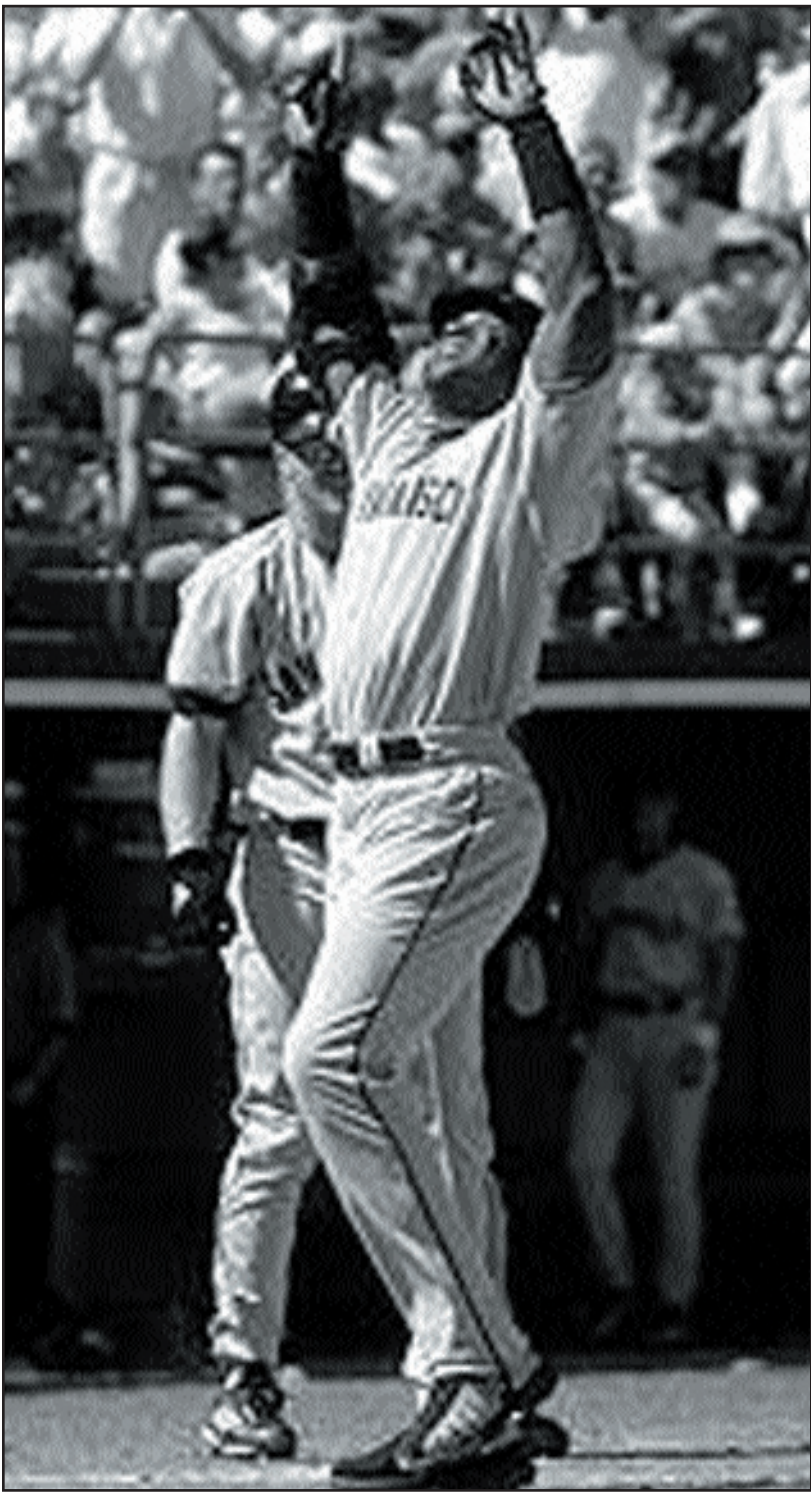
Dodger outfielder Gary Sheffield gunned down Giants outfielder Marvin Benard in a then-game-saving play at the plate. “Barry sucks.”

Bonds glared at fans in the first row down the third base line, which only made them boo louder. “BARRY SUCKS!”

Nothing the fans did, however, could rile Bonds up enough to crush a breaking ball out to the right field seats, like he had done on Monday. Yet he was able to get on base four times and score a run. His three walks Wednesday tied the National League record for walks in a season.

Bonds is sitting on 67 home runs, three short of tying Mark McGwire’s three-year-old record. Dodger pitchers have been very careful with him the past two games, walking him five times in ten plate appearances. Pitching around Bonds allowed other Giant players, such as outfielder John VanderWal, to drive in runs in key situations. VanderWal’s two-out, two run single in the ninth gave the Giants the lead, and eventually, the victory.

Bonds had been hitting home runs at a ridiculous pace, leading the Dodgers front office to assume he may tie or break the record this week against Los Angeles. The Dodger organization announced earlier this week that they would not stop the game to honor Bonds had he broken the record.



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Bonds is no closer to homerun record after meeting with Dodgers.

Permanent ban necessary for former

n**COMMENTARY:** Tyson’s criminal record and recent sexual assault allegation prove him unworthy to compete in the ring

By Heather Baer
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Hey Mike, I’ve got a one-two combination for you.

One, leave the women alone.

Two, lock yourself up and never come out of your house.

Yes, folks that’s right. Mike Tyson is making the news once again.

Las Vegas police searched his house Wednesday after receiving allegations that the former heavyweight cham-

pion had sexually assaulted another woman.

This is the second time this year that he has been accused of sexually assaulting somebody.

In the last investigation there was not enough evidence to formally charge him with a crime.

This investigation is still pending however and there have been no arrests made and no charges filed.

In a few weeks Tyson, 48-3, is scheduled to fight Denmark’s own Brian Nielson, who has a 62-1 record.

With Tyson’s criminal history as a sexual predator, and his love for ears, why is he still allowed to box?

There should be some rule saying that if an athlete commits a felony, they should be banned from the sport for life.

After the Holyfield incident, Tyson was only fined \$3 million and his boxing license was revoked, although he was allowed to reapply the following year.

Only \$3 million? Please. The man made more than \$140 million in 1996

and 1997 combined.

This is not punishment; this is a tiny slap on the wrist.

Why do we continue to let these guys compete?

Why do we continue to let these guys make millions of dollars and be stars?

Why do we expect average people to adhere to laws when we don’t require athletes to?

Something must be done.

Tyson should be stripped of his title and should never be allowed to box

again, not even as an amateur.

It is time that we send all of our athletes a clear message that felonies will not be tolerated, and we should make an example out of Tyson.

If we don’t what is next? Biting fingers off? Murder?

Michael you do not deserve to enter the ring.

You should stay inside your house where you can do no harm to others.

And, what ever you do, don’t date. You’ve already proven a number of times that you have no sense of self-

New policy goes too

n**COMMENTARY:** NFL ephedrine ban not in best interest of league

By Jonathan Hansen
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The NFL banned the stimulant ephedrine Thursday amid reports by experts that found the substance which is an ingredient in many food and dietary supplements can cause seizures, strokes or death.

Testing for ephedrine will not begin until league officials consult with the NFL Players Association, which has approved the ban, but not the timing.

The ban will part of the NFL’s anti-steroid policy and players will be subject to year-round random testing.

I was wondering if it even matters?

NFL players are notorious substance abusers. I doubt that anyone would disagree that the majority of professional football players have, at one time, used illegal drugs, either to enhance performance or for other reasons.

As a matter a fact, so many players are suspended each year for violating substance abuse policy, that it is hardly even news anymore.

I know I don’t care whether or not a player has used illegal drugs, because I choose not to hold football players to a higher standard than any other average American, because they’ve let me down, let us all down so many times.

The ban by the league is purely a cosmetic, public relations move intended to make the public think that NFL actually cares about drug use.

The NFL cares about one thing and one thing only—bottom line profits.

Also, I think it is stupid to potentially suspend a player for using such a common substance—a drug used legally by millions of Americans every day.

Will the league really enforce the rule?

How would the fans respond if Randy Moss, Terrell Davis or any other franchise player were to be suspended for using a drug found in over the counter asthma medication?

I, for one, would be mad.

As for looking out for the player’s health, football is a game chalked full of danger. A player takes his own life in his hands with each snap. The fact that pro football is so dangerous is the allure of the game and, like it or not, part of its mystique.

I think that this move is trivial and if the NFL wants to get serious about enforcing substance

Titan Men’s Basketball

Tryouts for the Cal State Fullerton men’s basketball team will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 16 and 17 in Titan Gym from 6:00 a.m.-7:30 a.m.

All participants must be current full-time (12 units) Cal State Fullerton students.

An exhibition game is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 31. The season will begin Saturday, Nov. 17 at Pepperdine University. For more information contact the men’s basketball at (714) 278-3711.

Men’s soccer overpowers



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CSUF shuts out UCR, scoring two goals in the final 11 minutes.

In the Big West men’s soccer opener, Cal State Fullerton defeated the University of California Riverside 2-0 at Titan Stadium.

Breaking a scoreless tie in the second half, Hector Orellana scored on a spinning chip-shot from 25-yards out in the 79th minute. The apparent wide shot took an odd bounce and made it just inside the right post. Nine minutes later, Brent Whitfield kicked the rebound of a Jyrki Kylaheiko shot off UCR goalkeeper Brett Brentley to seal the victory for the Titans.

UCR had its best scoring chance in the 42nd minute when Randy O’Brien went one-on-one with Titan goalkeeper Jeff McKeever, who blocked the first shot and O’Brien

then chipped the rebound over the crossbar.

In goalkeeper saves, McKeever made three and UCR’s Brentley made 11, with seven in the first half alone.

The Titans, ranked 16th in the Soccer Times poll and 21st in a national coaches poll, outshot the Highlanders 30-7.

Fullerton is now 3-2-1 overall and 1-0 in the Big West and UCR falls to 0-5-1 and 0-1.

The Titans will participate in an alumni game Saturday at CSUF and will return to competition at Rutgers University Oct. 5 and 7.

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